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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: UR, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN

1. DOBRYNIN CAME IN AT MY REQUEST NOVEMBER 7. WE COVERED  
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO BREZHNEV,  
AND ASKED HIM TO TRANSMIT THE GIST, BUT NOT THE FULL TEXT,  
UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FORMAL TRANSMITTAL  
TO BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW. I SAID WE FELT THIS WAS IMPORTANT  
IN DEVELOPING YOUR CHANNEL IN MOSCOW.

B. I ONCE AGAIN CONVEYED OUR FEELING THAT BREZHNEV HAD  
MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION IN HIS NOVEMBER 2 SPEECH.

C. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, I SAID IT WAS NECESSARY FOR OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE  
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RELUCTANCE OF THE PARTIES TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE ISSUES,  
AND SAID WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE THE INFORMATION PROMISED  
FROM THE SOVIET SIDE. DOBRYNIN SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE

WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO, AND WOULD TRY TO GET A RESPONSE  
QUICKLY. IN PASSING, HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT SADAT'S  
RENEWED ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE A PRELIMINARY WORKING GROUP.

D. I TOLD DOBRYNIN THAT I HAD BEEN TALKING WITH THE MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER, BOUCETTA, AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN SAHARA. I URGED THE SOVIET SIDE TO EXERCISE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE ALGERIANS, AND WARNED THAT AS LARGER SIZE UNITS BECAME INVOLVED, THE DANGER INCREASED. DOBRYNIN SAID THIS WAS AN ISSUE IN WHICH OUR INTERESTS WERE PARALLEL, AND HE WOULD COMMUNICATE MY MESSAGE TO MOSCOW.

E. DOBRYNIN OBSERVED THAT SOLOMENTSEV IS NOT ONLY PRIME MINISTER OF THE RSFSR BUT ALSO A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO, AND URGED WE ARRANGE AS HIGH LEVEL A RECEPTION AS POSSIBLE.

F. DOBRYNIN REPEATED AN OBSERVATION HE HAD MADE ON THE TODAY SHOW, THAT IF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS WENT WELL, IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR BREZHNEV TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT SOON THEREAFTER.

2. SHULMAN SEPARATELY EXPRESSED TO DOBRYNIN SURPRISE THAT YOU HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, AND ESPECIALLY THAT NEITHER BREZHNEV NOR ALEKSANDROV HAD KNOWN ABOUT YOUR REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

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